HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE G.BHAVANI PRASAD

W.P.NO.7615 OF 2005

Between:

Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes

Welfare Association (Regd.No.2187/92)

Having its office at H.No.43, SRT, Vidyanagar,

Hyderabad rep by its president R.Krishnaiah.

..... Petitioner

AND

The Government of Andhra Pradesh

Represented by its Principal Secretary,

BC Welfare Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad

and others.

.....Respondents

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Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri S.Ramachandra Rao,
senior advocate assisted by
Sri K.R.Prabhakar

Counsel for Respondents : The Advocate General assisted
by Sri S.Satya Prasad, Special
Government Pleader.

Dated 26/4/2006

Per Sri G.S.Singhvi, CJ

This is a petition for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to enhance the mess charges and scholarships payable to the students of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Classes studying in the schools established by Social Welfare Department/Government of Andhra Pradesh, Intermediate, Degree, Post Graduate and Professional Courses.

The substratum of the grievance made by the petitioner, which is a representative body of the students of Backward Classes is that even though the mess and other hostel charges of the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes were revised vide G.O.Ms.No.79 dated 6.11.2004 and G.O.Ms.No.43 dated 10.6.2005, corresponding revision has not been effected in the case of the students belonging to the Backward Classes.

The learned Advocate General, on the basis of instructions of Sri Md.Shafiquz Zaman, Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare, who is present in person, says that the Government has already taken a policy decision to

revise the hostel charges payable to the students of Backward Classes on par with Scheduled Caste students. He says that necessary budgetary provisions have been made and appropriate Government Order will be issued within a day or two. Learned Advocate General further says that the decision of the Government will be made effective from 1.4.2006.

In view of the statement of the learned Advocate General, the writ petition is disposed of with the direction that the concerned authorities shall take all steps necessary for extending the benefit of the Government's decision to all the students belong to the Backward Classes with effect from 1.4.2006 without fail.

The petitioner is given liberty to file miscellaneous petition to bring to the notice of the Court any incident of non-payment of the revised charges to the students belonging to the Backward Classes.

G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

Dt.26/4/2006

G.BHAVANI PRASAD,J

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